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February 8, 1990

WBZZ B-94-FM
Program Director
1715 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15211

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COMMUNICATIONS
CONTROL SECTION

Dear Program Director:

I have never been a fan of morning radio personalities nor do I care for the type of music that your station plays. However, I have two children and two step-children who almost constantly listen to your station. In the future, they will not be allowed to listen to your morning show. I refuse to subject them to the barrage of so-called jokes which degrade women and denigrate marriage.

I think the perpetuation of this type of "humor" shows a lack of concern and commitment to our future generation. I'm sure that listening to this type of garbage, especially by young girls, would eventually lower their self-esteem and it certainly doesn't help young boys to learn to show respect for women either.

I would like to end this letter on a positive note, however, I find nothing positive to say about your morning radio programming and I hardly think that you will change because of my expressed concern.

Cordially,

Martina Finley

CC: FCC
Giant Eagle
Bell Atlantic Mobile

2629 Herron Rd.
Allison Park, Pa.
15101

Feb. 21, 1990

Dear Chairman Sikes:

I am greatly
encouraged that
the FCC is finally
taking a stand
against indecent and
objectionable material
on the airwaves.

Thank you so much
for all you have done.
Please continue to
take action against

offenders, and ~~and~~
you again. ^{WBZZ}
As you may already ^{FM}
know, station F.M.
B-94 in Pittsburgh, Pa.
was sued by a woman
newscaster, Liz Randolph,
who won her case
against sexual harass-
ment on the air.
They had made
remarks about her
promiscuity, among
other things, over a
long period of time.
You may have heard of
this case.

again, a ~~rather~~ step
in the direction
of decency.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Kathleen Jacobs

1030

February 19, 1990

Mr. Alfred Sikes
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your efforts in cleaning up the airways. The trash on radio and television is so out of line and goes far beyond the "suggestive" that used to be forbidden.

Television needs to clean up their screens. The nudity, the sex, the commercials, the violence are just plain bad taste. I am embarrassed to watch it alone let alone in mixed company.

People who are truly funny or a good entertainer do not need blue jokes or foul language. Some people are not smart enough to know the proper word to express their feelings so they resort to profanity.

Programs such as Murphy Brown, Late Night With David Letterman, Dear John, Current Affair, Golden Girls, Night Court, Cheers, and Rosanne are truly offensive.

There's enough foul language etc. heard just by walking down the street and in the work place without having it invade the home. It's much better to clean up the airways than boycotting good products.

The enclosed clipping is from Pittsburgh, Pa. paper. I don't have the first printing of the incident but it was pretty bad. Liz won on some points but the station says they will appeal. This station should be fined for allowing such talk over a radio station.

Please enforce whatever laws are available to accomplish cleaning up the airways. Programs like Current Affair and Inside Edition use pictures that on any other program would be prohibited. On Sunday February 11 12:30 AM Family Focus (ch 33 YNG) the language was extremely foul. They could have gotten their point across without this profanity. On WBZZ-FM they claimed some of their tape was erased and taped over during the trial (very convenient).

Thanks again and keep up the good work

Sincerely



Evelyn L McAbee

20 Boroline St.
New Castle, Pa. 16101

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Dear Sir,

I am angry that WBZZ-FM in Pittsburgh has permitted Don Jefferson and Jim Quinn to spread "in the crotch" language to go over Pittsburgh for all to hear. It ended in a court battle. Hopefully it will stop

I feel you have a responsibility to follow this case up and fine WBZZ for their smut programs.

Aside from Liz Pandolpe's ordeal, the whole mess was put into perspective when a father was driving his 5 year old to kindergarten and the boy said, "Dad, explain to me how you do oral sex like they talk about on WBZZ".

This must stop,

Audrey Casperson
3151 Jacks Run Road
McKeesport, PA

15131

P. S. Discussions centered around the propriety of Liz Pandolpe oral sex profession.

Document catches Bush

patient who escapes and
es a radio talk-show host.
Jan. 22, 1988: During the "F
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to return to work.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, hailing "historic change" in superpower relations, said yesterday that Soviet acceptance of his troop-cut plan removed a major obstacle to arms treaty for

"We're dealing with historic change," Bush told reporters. He added with a laugh, "I mean to be very elated about this."
Bush was criticised last year for his low-key public reaction to news that East Germany was annexing the

foreign ministers.
With Baker at his side, Bush said he was "delighted" with the troop cuts agreement.
Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who last week called for parity with U.S. forces

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I am writing you the enclosed articles
in order to formally complain about W.B.Z.Z-FM
Radio in Pittsburgh, Pa. and its owner, EZ
(Communications of Fairfax, Va. The enclosed articles
document a most outrageous case of D.T. behavior.
I have listened to this station in the past and
I listened to it during the speaker's discourse
in these articles. I was so offended that I
quit listening to that station. Now, however,
I feel it is appropriate to do more than
just stop listening. Therefore, please accept
this letter and the enclosed articles as a
formal complaint. I would like you to
use your listening power to discipline
the station, the owner and the employees
responsible for this "programming."

Feb 17, 1988

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas B. Martin
1000 Oakmont Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226

FEBRUARY 18, 1988

Mr. Dennis R. Patrick
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WBZZ (B-94)

Dear Mr. Patrick,

Enclosed is an article from the February 17, 1988 issue of the Pittsburgh Press regarding station WBZZ (a local Pittsburgh station). Until now, the station has been my daughter's (10 years old) favorite station because of the music they play. My wife and I were unaware of the trash that they were putting on the air until we read this article. She certainly will not be listening to that station again.

I would also like to take this one step further. I don't believe the public should have to tolerate this type of material from a large radio station. Therefore I am requesting a complete investigation by the FCC. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Please inform me if the FCC can help us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David M. Withers

David M. Withers
5107 Logans Ferry Road
Murrysville, Pa. 15668
(412) 325-4471

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Allegheny Communications Group, Inc.
(Allegheny) Exhibit No.6
MM Docket No. 93-88

LETTER DATED MARCH 1, 1988 BY GENERAL MANAGER OF
STATION WBZZ (FM), PITTSBURGH, PA IN RESPONSE
TO ATTACHED LETTERS REGARDING STATION

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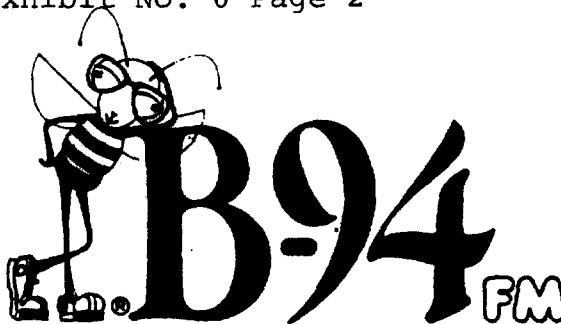
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Docket No. 93-88 EXHIBIT NO. ACG No. 46

Presented by ACG Identified 10/13/93

Disposition: Received _____
Rejected 10/13/93

Reporter JOL KENSONER
Date 10/13/93



*sent to everyone
on attached list.
K.P.*

March 1, 1988

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flosnik
5143 Glenhurst Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

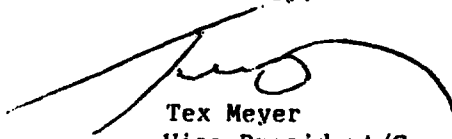
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Flosnik:

Thank you for your comments on B-94 FM.

I want to make you aware that as Vice President/General Manager of WBZZ Radio, I read every letter that we receive and take very seriously listener comments, whether they are positive or negative. We are a very active radio station in the Pittsburgh market and because we broadcast to such a large, diversified audience composed of all ages, we receive many comments from our listeners and sometimes from non-listeners. Each comment, whether it be verbal from the telephone or written, is reviewed each week and then appropriate measures are taken.

I encourage response from the greater Pittsburgh area, and I feel when people like you express your opinion, it gives us a better idea of community standards.

Sincerely,


Tex Meyer
Vice President/General Manager

TM:ksk

Mr. Doug McCurdy
1404 Union Avenue
Natrona Heights, PA 15065

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flosnik
5143 Glenhurst Road
Pgh., PA 15207

Betty Fischer
171 Pine Road
Pgh., PA 15237

Bob Willison
163 N. Springvalley Rd.
McMurray, PA 15317

Nancy M. Smith
752 Portland Way
Pgh., PA 15206

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Pgh., 15221

Ms. Linda B. Yesilonis
RD 6, Box 304
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Harry T. Akers
1304 Knollwood Dr.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Karen K. - these are all at the same address:

Sue Formosa

Donna Kall

Ann Staydnicki

Dolores Hyzy

Carol Retrolio

Sandra Kuntules

Mildred Stack

Joyce Banfoot

Room 403
H.O. Bldg.
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15219

Anne Smith
1901 Stoltz Rd.
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Francis Paronish, Jr.
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Mrs. Siwicki
220 Third St.
15215

Mr. & Mrs. A. Andrews
255 Hoodridge Dr.
15234

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WB22

STATION MANAGER
Tex Meyer

Dear Mr. Meyer:

After reading about the Ms. Randolph situation, you have to be a bigger jerk than Quinn & Banana for letting this go on. "It's unfortunate she took offense at it..." What a remark! How would you feel if it was a female member of your family? Maybe you wouldn't be so insensitive. I hope she sues the pants off you, Quinn, and Banana.

Doug McCurdy

1404 Union Ave

Natrons Hgts., Pa.

15065

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flosnik
5143 Glenhurst Road

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15207

February 19, 1938

WBZZ-B-94
1715 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15211

Gentlemen:

Hope Li; Randolph takes your station and the two slimey
so-called disc jockeys to the cleaners.

Mrs. Mrs. Thomas Flosnik

Betty W.

E. CARL FISCHER / 171 Pine Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237

2-17-88

WIS27 -

I can't believe that you
allowed such terrible things to be said
about a woman on your station. Horrible
for Sig Randolph! I would sue you
for \$1,000,000! Sincerely, Betty W. Fischer

February 22, 1988

Bob Willison
163 N. Springvalley Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Station Manager
WBZZ
1715 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15211

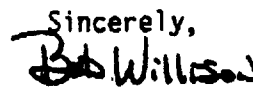
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my displeasure with the sexual content and innuendo of some of the material you broadcast. It appears, from reports I have read, your audience is primarily pre-adolescents and teenagers, and this is confirmed for me because my daughter is one of your listeners. As such, I hear some of the comments of your announcers as well as the recorded sections between songs.

First, too much of the material used on your morning program, meant to be humorous, is tasteless, crude, and unnecessary. It encourages a stereotype of homosexual men and substitutes crass comments about AIDS and sexual behavior for what should and could be a more mature approach to these issues.

Another reason for my concern occurred yesterday afternoon. I overheard, between songs, a brief clip from a Rodney Dangerfield album which concerned Mr. Dangerfield's sex life and pickpockets. My daughter asked me to explain the meaning of this "joke" which she didn't understand. I have discussed human sexuality with her in a serious and positive manner. Humor can be a good teaching tool, but your use of it in this manner degrades its position in the lives of the children you serve.

In summary, I obviously have the choice of changing the station to which my daughter listens. While that solves my problem, it doesn't help her discern the insipid from the enlightening, and so my responsibility continues. I only wish you, as a publicly licensed entity, would take more seriously, dare I say, the sociological responsibility you have to your audience. These are impressionable kids and you are doing them a disservice.

Sincerely,

Bob Willison

cc: Federal Communications Commission

Feb. 19, 1988

Mr. Tex Meyer,

It is hard to believe that anyone could be so insensitive to the feelings of Liz Randolph. Would you like it if someone would say about you ,what Quinn and Jefferson said about her. Even if it was a joke, it's not a joke that should be said over the radio. Too many people really believe things like that. How would you like to be known as a loose and promiscuous person.

I don't think it was funny and you would have to be a very sick person to think it was. You said that the secret to Quinn and Banana is their creativity and spontaneity, and you allow them a certain amount of freedom. I don't think that, that freedom should give them the right to say what they did about Miss Randolph. If they want to say it about themselves it's fine, but they just don't care about other peoples feelings.

She was told that she had to take that kind of comments. Well I don't think she has to. I think they went much to far and I think you should have been more understanding of Miss Randolph.

I have heard Quinn and Banana and they are really childish and stupid. I don't know why anyone would listen to them for very long. We must have a lot of sick people in Pittsburgh.

I hope she wins. I hope they and your station have to really pay up and that all of you will make a public apology to her over the radio and in the newspaper.

Please don't let things like this go on. It's not funny. It hurts and it's not fair.

Nancy M. Smith
752 Portland Way
Pittsburgh, PA. 15206

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Computer Task Group inc.



February 22, 1988

Mr. James Richards
Program Director
WBZZ Radio Station
Mount Washington, PA 15211

Dear Mr. Richards:

As a loyal listener of Jim Quinn's radio programs for over twenty years (since eighth grade), I was quite interested in hearing more about the lawsuit that Liz Randolph has filed against him and your station.

I taped "Pittsburgh's Talking" on Friday, February 19 so that I could listen to both parties involved. Jim Quinn made the comment that the lawsuit had no effect on either the radio station or their listeners so I see the need to inform you of my opinion.

Jim Quinn and Don Jefferson are two of the most immature, rude, pompous, arrogant individuals I have ever seen. No wonder Liz Randolph had to sue to be treated fairly. We have all heard the crude remarks made to her each morning - if she was not comfortable with this treatment it was your responsibility as Program Director to stop it. I am sure that would not have affected your number one rating. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS AGAINST THE LAW IN ANY INDUSTRY.**

I will never again listen to a WBZZ program in protest of your treatment of Liz Randolph.

Very truly yours,

Jacquelyn McCormick

cc: Mr. Tex Meyers
Station Manager

2-22-88

To Tex Meyer,

Just a line to let you know that your station will never be turned on my radio as long as Quinn and Jefferson are on the air.

Therefore, I am enclosing a self addressed, stamped envelope. Please, mail a list of your station's advertisers to me, so that I may boycott them, also.

Joseph A. Hawk

2.18.88

Station Manager
WBZZ-FM
1715 Grandview Ave
Pittsburgh, PA

Dear Sir,

I'm writing in reference to Liz Randolph and her suit against WBZZ and D.J.'s Jim Quinn and Don Jefferson. I wish her all the luck in the world in this suit and will add "It's about time someone took a stand against sexist jokes and stories on the air". Way to go Liz!

I feel that appropriate action should be taken against Quinn and Jefferson and should include a personal and public apology to Liz and all women in the Pittsburgh area. The apology should come from these D.J.'s and WBZZ!

As long as WBZZ, Quinn and Jefferson continue to air those remarks included

in Liz Randolph's suit, I will not
listen to WBZZ and will boycott
All who advertise on WBZZ. Fair's
Fair!

Thanking you for your time and
Anxiously awaiting the apology, I remain

...in support of Liz,

B. A. DAVISON
Box 852
Waynesburg, PA 15370

manager, wise up!

People don't want to hear it.

I'm thankful my daughters have
chosen to listen to better programs
than yours on their way to work.

Please remember older folks
can change a dial but "little
ears" can always hear these
things too. Hopefully this smut
is not something you would want
your children to hear.

Perhaps another show would
be appreciated where they may at
least be apologetic rather than
rude & arrogant as they came across
on "P.L. Talking".

Thank you
Mrs Ray Stumpf
914 Stevedale Dr.
Pg L Pa 15221

RD 6, Box 304
Indiana, PA 15701
February 22, 1988

Mr. Jim Richardson
General Manager
WBZZ-FM
1715 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Dear Mr. Richardson:

As a working woman and as the mother of three daughters also in the workforce, I feel compelled to express my support for Ms. Randolph.

I feel nothing but contempt for Quinn and Banana, the station owners, and you for backing them in this matter.

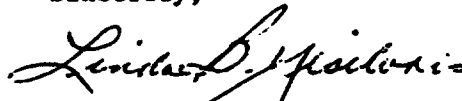
Who calls such trashy jokes humor! No-one has to be the butt of that so-called humor to be accepted as part of a professional working team.

Would any of you men involved have made your wife, girlfriend or possibly your own daughter the subject of such trash to increase listeners?

Liz Randolph deserves much better.

I will never listen to Quinn & Banana again and I plan to let others know why.

Sincerely,


Linda B. Yesilonis

412-372-2760
1304 Knollwood Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146
February 19, 1988

An opinion on the Jim Quinn &
Don "Banana" Jefferson Show

Program Manager
Radio Station WBZZ-FM
1715 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to express my disapproval of the apparent character assassination and sexual harrassment represented by Quinn and Banana's pointed joke on their January 22nd against Liz Randolph. The joke may possibly have been acceptable if it had been directed at a fictional character rather than at a real live person. Phyllis Diller, for example, has aimed many derogatory jokes at her fictional husband, "Fang", and I believe this concept may have been tested in the courts by her first husband after their divorce.

By their lack of consideration for Liz, a real live person, they may have done emotional injury to her, and possibly injury to her reputaion as a woman. They have cost Liz her job at WBZZ-FM and it is likely that she will have difficulty getting a job at other radio or TV stations.

Liz apparently feels that suing for only \$20,000, if that is the amount, will avoid a reaction from the station. I have a friend who is a nurse. Following a mastectomy, in which she suffered partial loss in the use of one arm from foreign material left inside, she sued for a few thousand as a matter of principle. Later she learned what price she had paid in suing the hospital, even for a limited sum. Getting work as a nurse became difficult for her at a time when there is a shortage of nurses. Liz is making a big mistake to sue for \$20,000. It is likely that she will lose that much in potential income within a fairly short period of time. It's too bad that Liz will be the one who continues to get hurt, even after this is all settled legally, since the problem was actually created by the insensitivity of the two comedians.

Considering that more than half of the people in this world are women, it would seem that Quinn and Banana may have offended a greater number of persons than Jimmy the Greek. Quinn and Banana are rather fortunate that their station management, Myers and Richards, have taken their side against Liz and womankind. Neither the program nor management came across with a very good image on Anne Devlin's WTAE-TV show where this subject was discussed this morning.

Be sexy, if you will, but it may be best not to get personal. Ashland Oil had to admit their error when they messed up. Will WBZZ-TV?

Harry T. Akers, Senior Citizen, Retired.

Harry T. Akers